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The following retentions, revisions and additions are suggested for  
the new requirements list:

Ethiopia and Eritrea (pp. 8-9)

Items 7, g - retain

Items 7, h - add as follows:

Offers of loans, technical assistance or industrial installations  
by any Bloc countries.

Egypt (pp. 24-25)

Item 3

a - retain

b - retain

c - retain

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Egypt (pp 24-25) (continued)

e. Revise to read --- "Regime's activities in development and industrialization projects, establishment of Egyptian organizations (both governmental and private) for purpose of planning and carrying out developmental projects, the leading personalities in these organizations and their attitudes toward Bloc aid and toward U.S. aid

f. Revise to read "The following aspects of Bloc economic assistance:

1. industrial installations or other construction assistance offered
2. value and specification of installations
3. payment terms
4. bloc organizations handling contract
5. number of bloc technicians involved
6. progress of projects and any deficiencies in equipment and services

add g. Local contacts between Bloc representatives and Egyptian government officials and/or businessmen in a position to influence the Egyptian government to award contracts for developmental projects to satellite countries.

Iraq (p. 26)

Item 4 - retain

Item 5 - retain

Item 6 - retain

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Jordan (pp. 29-30)

Item 5 - a, b, c - retain

Item 9 - retain

Item 11 - retain

Add Item 12 - Other evidences of increased Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activities in Jordan, e.g. exchange of trade and technical delegations, conclusion of trade agreements establishment of permanent trade missions, etc.

Lebanon (pp. 31-32)

Item 4 - retain

Item 6 - retain

Item 7 - Revise to read as follows:

"It has been reported that several Bloc countries have offered to supply industrial installations to Lebanon. Information is particularly desired on the following aspects of such projects: (1) acceptance or rejection of the bids; (2) value of the installations and capacities of the completed plants; (3) payment terms of the contracts; (4) numbers and activities of Bloc technicians working on projects; (5) progress of projects, (6) deficiencies in equipment or services provided by Bloc countries; (7) reason given for buying from Bloc rather than western suppliers.

Item 8 (add)

Any indication of Bloc attempts to gain a part in Lebanon's economic development by penetrating planning organizations or by influencing government officials or private industrialists.

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Libya (p. 33)

Item 1b - retain

Item 2e - revise to read --- Activities of Soviet diplomatic personnel in Libya, with particular emphasis on local contacts being made with Libyan government officials and/or businessmen to promote closer Libyan - Soviet ties in trade, economic cooperation,etc.

Add Item 2f - Indications of Soviet negotiations for oil concessions in Libya.

Item 3 - retain

Add Item 4 - Attitudes of government official toward Bloc aid and to U.S. aid.

Saudi Arabia (pp. 34-35)

Item 2

b - retain

c - retain

Add e - Establishment of Saudi organizations, government and private, for the purpose of planning and carrying out developmental projects, the leading personalities in these organizations and their attitudes toward Bloc aid and toward U.S. aid.

Add f - Offers of technical assistance or industrial installations by Bloc countries.

Sudan (p. 36)

Item 10 - Revise as follows - Indications of Soviet Bloc interest in the Sudan:

- a. Exchange of trade and technical delegations
- b. Establishment of permanent Bloc offices in the Sudan, their personnel and activities
- c. Trade agreements negotiated or concluded with Bloc countries including value, products involved, terms, etc.
- d. Offers of technical assistance or industrial installations by Bloc countries with emphasis on following aspects: value and specifications of installations, payment terms, Bloc organizations and number of Bloc technicians involved, progress of projects, etc.

Syria (pp 37-38)

Item 5 - retain

Item 6, a, b, c, - retain

Add d - Progress of the Polish organization CEKOP in preparing the planning survey for the reconstruction of the Hejag railway? Attitudes of the Syrian, Jordanian and Saudi Arabian members of the Railway Executive Committee toward awarding the construction contract to a Bloc country?

Add e - Developments in recent Soviet offers to establish an oil refinery in Syria?

Syria (pp 37-38) (continued)

Add Item 9 - Establishment of Bloc commercial offices in Syria, their personnel and activities.

Add Item 10 - Local contacts between Bloc representatives and Syrian government officials and/or businessmen in a position to influence the Syrian government to award contracts for developmental projects to Bloc countries.

Iran (pp 47-50)

Item 9, a - d - retain

Item 9, e - revise as follows:

Offers of loans, technical assistance or industrial installations from any of the Bloc countries.

Item 9, f - add as follows:

Details concerning the sugar refinery offered by Czechoslovakia (e.g. value, capacity, contract signed?, location, number of Bloc technicians working on it, evidence of unsatisfactory performance of Bloc technicians or equipment).

Item 12 - retain

Turkey (pp 51-56)

Item 11, a - f - retain

Item 11, g - revise to read as follows:

Offers of credits, technical assistance or industrial installations (value, capacity, location, numbers of technicians, principles, etc.) by any of the Bloc countries.

Item 11, h - j - retain

Turkey (pp. 51-56) (continued)

Item 12 - retain

Item 13 - retain

Afghanistan (pp. 57-59)

Item 5 revise first paragraph as follows:

In December 1955 the Soviets announced their intention of extending \$100 million worth of additional credits to Afghanistan. Previous to this time, the Czechs had extended about \$5 million worth of credits and the Soviets a somewhat larger sum, while the U.S. had extended about \$40 million of credits and had donated several millions more for technical assistance.

Item 5, a - e - retain

Item 5, f - revise to read as follows:

What quantity and types of construction equipment, materials, industrial installations and technicians are being supplied by the USSR and other Bloc countries?

Item 5, g - retain, but add "and Czechoslovakia" after "USSR".

Item h, i - retain

India (pp. 63-65)

Item 5 - retain

Item 8 - retain

Item 21 - add as follows:

Several Soviet Bloc countries have contracts for construction work in India. The following information is desired concerning such projects: status of negotiations; type; size (capacity); total value of project and value of equipment and services coming from the Bloc; numbers of Bloc technicians involved; location; progress; derogatory information concerning Bloc personnel, services and equipment.

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